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late 19th c.

Thomas Wier House II

Lonaconing

Private

The Thomas Wier House II is a two story, gable-roofed, balloon frame building on a foundation of coursed, roughly squared stone. Its basic configuration is a three bay by one bay, center hall plan with a two story rear wing. Many of its window openings have been altered, and its weather-board siding has been covered with brick-patterned asphalt.

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Maryland Historic Trust  
Dept. of Economic and  
Community Development  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Sir:

We are in the process of submitting an open-pit mining permit located West of the Allegany-Garrett County line near Lonaconing, Maryland. (See enclosed map for exact location). Federal law requires us to contact your office to make sure there is no possible disturbance of past historic resources.

The permit is approximately ten acres with six and half acres being timberland and the remainder being grass. The existing land use will be replaced after mining has been completed. The remains of an old house can be seen just inside the permit area on the north end near the State road. However, this structure has been demolished several years ago.

Please check this area for any possible historical and cultural resources. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John E. Eckhart

John E. Eckhart  
Permit Supervisor  
Pine Mt. Coal Company  
Rt. 5, Redhill  
Box 394B  
Cumberland, MD 21502

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Thomas Weir House II

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Avilton-Lonaconing Rd., SW side, .6 mi. SE of Swamp Road

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Thomas Wier

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Thomas Wier House II is located on the southwest side of Avilton-Lonaconing Road approximately .6 mile southeast of Swamp Road and .1 mile west of Laurel Run. It is set back from the road in an uncultivated field that rises gently to the south. The facade points northeast, toward the road.

The house is a two story, gable-roofed building of balloon frame construction. Its basic configuration is a T-plan with a 3-bay by 1-bay main block and 2-bay by 1-bay rear extension. A one story, shed-roofed wing abuts the southeast elevation of the rear extension occupying about 1/3 of that side at the southernmost end. The shed wing's roof extends to the rear wall of the main block creating a porch. Although some recent alterations in fenestration have been made, the facade originally had a symmetrical, 3 bay, center door arrangement.

The building rests on a foundation of coursed, roughly squared stone which is continuous under all wings. Its balloon frame is covered with diagonally laid tongue and groove board on the exterior and is sheathed in German siding with a later layer of brick-patterned asphalt siding. Lath and plaster cover the frame on the interior.

The gable roof is covered with asphalt roll siding and has a box cornice with partial gable end returns. A brick stove chimney is located on the ridgeline of the main block just northwest of center, and an identical interior chimney is positioned at the southwest endwall of the rear extension.

Windows are two over two sash with plain board surrounds. The facade and southeast porch door are both four-paneled with transom lights.

The interior of the main block is divided into two rooms by a center stairway that consists of a closed, straight run of 12 treads. The doorway into the northwest room is positioned obliquely to the stairway while the doorway into the southeast room is set in line with the stairway. Access to the rear wing is through the northwest room. The rear wing is undivided and has a wainscoat of vertical, beaded edge board. The second floor plan is similar to that of the first except for a closet-sized room corresponding to the foyer area below. The entrance to the attic is located in the ceiling of this small room.

The baseboards throughout the house consist of 5 inch board beveled in the middle with an applied quarter round molding at the base. All interior doors are four-paneled.

There are no outbuildings on the site.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block with a "T" addition, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

April 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

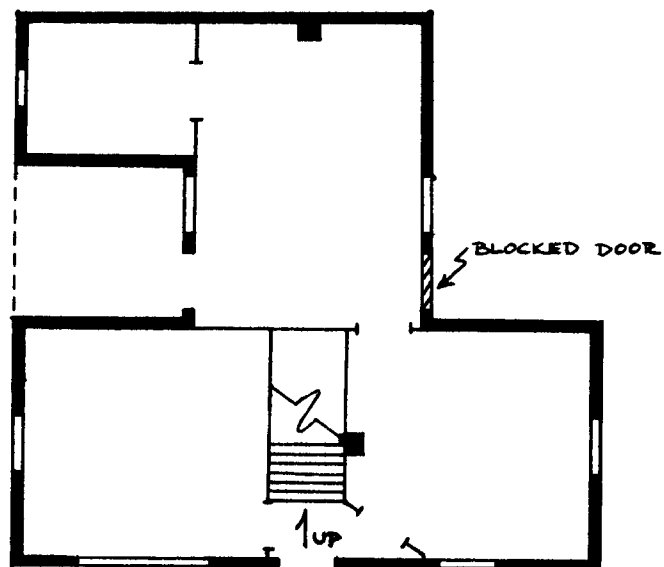
Maryland 21401

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

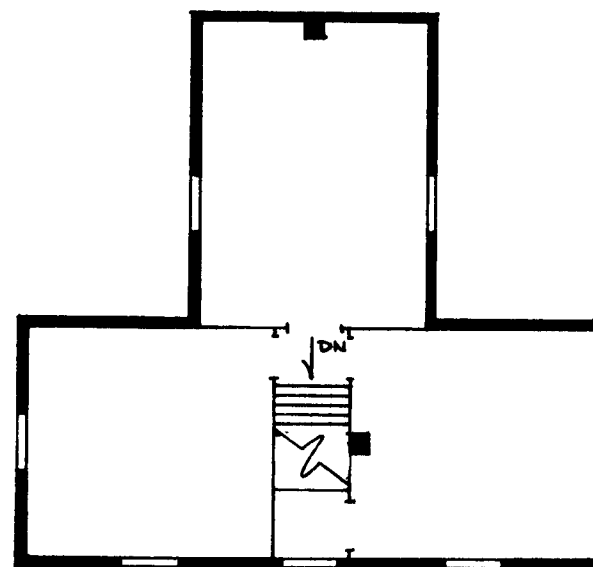
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR



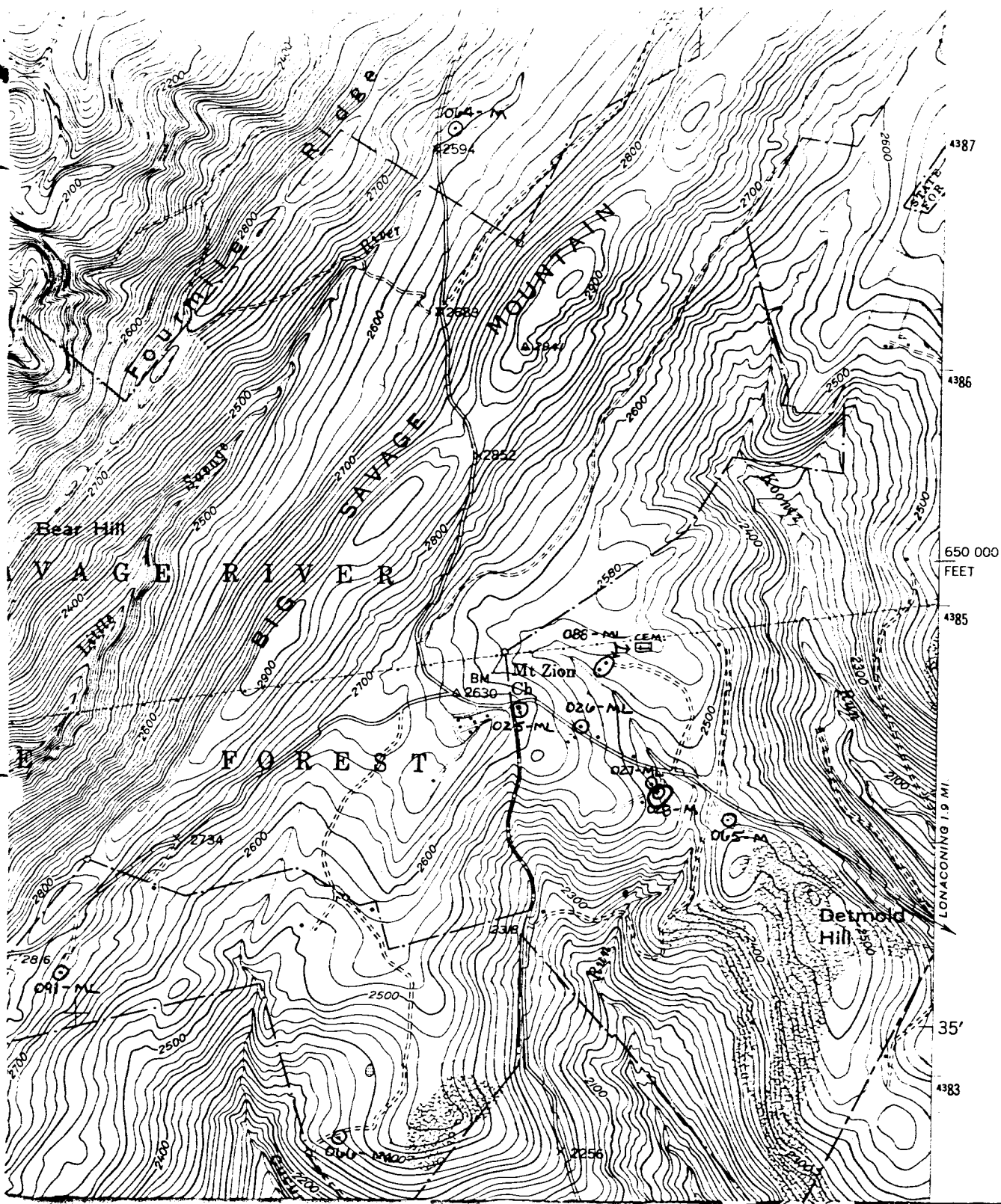
BASEBOARD

2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR



BASIC FLOOR PLAN -- NOT TO SCALE

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 -- THOMAS WIER HOUSE II --  
 GARRETT COUNTY,  
 VICINITY OF LONA CONING, MARYLAND



Barton, MD  
 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale - 1:24,000  
 1947; photorevised 1974

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 Avilton-Lonaconing Rd., SW side,  
 SE of Swamp Rd.





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Garrett County, MD

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SW & SE gable ends



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NE facade & NW gable ends